

REMARKS

The above claims amendments are being presented in response to the Decision dismissing applicants request to participate in the PPH program, so that the claims in the U.S. application sufficiently correspond to the patentable claims in the JPO application. Applicants now respectfully request that the Request to Participate in the PPH Program now be granted.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

/Lawrence A. Stahl/

---

Lawrence A. Stahl  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 30,110

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
1290 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10104-3800  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

LAS:eyw

FCHS\_WS 5202731vt